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TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON CASH ACCESSIBILITY WITH ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT)**

I am pleased to report to your Board on the continued success of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) in Los Angeles County. As you know, EBT allows participants to access food stamps and cash benefits via a magnetic stripe card, similar to bank debit cards, at participating retailer point of sales terminals and automated teller machines.

The accessibility of cash with EBT in Los Angeles County continues to increase. In last year's update, there were 7,745 locations where participants could get cash. Today there are 12,108 locations. In addition:

- There are 2,366 surcharge-free locations now available.
- There are 9,742 locations with surcharges where participants can get cash (in the amount of \$200 or more).
- The above two totals amount to 12,108 locations where participants can get cash. In addition, there are other retailers such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and Target that are not included in this total where participants can also get less than \$200 in cash.

Also, in last year's State of California Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Cash Access Plan Update there were four zip codes that were reported as underserved. Of these zip codes, Pearblossom 93563, is now fully served by its neighboring zip code Crystallaire 93544; Los Angeles 90073, which has four participants, is a small Los Angeles zip code surrounded by zip code 90040; Los Angeles 90102 and Long Beach 90846 have no caseload reported.

In conclusion, cash access countywide has increased since the last report. The total number of locations has increased by 4,363.

We will continue to update your Board annually on the cash accessibility of EBT.

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